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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

NEIN AND ONE MAKE TEN.

"Hast thou a lover?" asked the swain,
 "Oh, Maiden of the Rhine."
 She blushed in sweet confusion
 And softly faltered, "Nein."
 He felt rebuffed and knew not
 What best to say, and then
 A sudden thought came to him,
 He pleaded, "Make it ten."

Ex.

Foot-Ball.

Much to the regret of the friends of the gridiron the Washington & Lee foot-ball team must necessarily be light. It had been hoped that a heavy team could be put in the field and indeed every indication was to the effect that we would send out the strongest team that Washington and Lee has had for years. The loss of two of the heaviest men and the fact that injuries and obligations at home or elsewhere have prevented other good men from coming out has tended to weaken the team so far as weight is concerned. An unusually attractive schedule of games has been arranged, but the best games will have to be canceled as skill cannot successfully cope with weight and might. Faithful indeed has been the work of the second team and to them is due much of the credit for the rapid improvement in the first team. We can make a good team but training and skill will not make up for the loss of weight. We cannot too highly appreciate the efforts which the men of both teams have made and are still making to form a team that will add fresh laurels to the name of Washington and Lee.

One very prominent fact does remain. There are many men in college who could play and could help to form a strong team of which we should be proud. It rests with them to see to this success or by neglect or lack of interest watch for failure. Shall we have a team or shall we allow it to disband? It is for the students to answer.

Wednesday Morning.

On last Wednesday morning President Wilson did not address the students in the chapel but in-

stead of doing so he introduced an alumnus of Washington and Lee, one who has for years watched with eager interest the opening of the institution.

Dr. Brown Ayers, Professor of physics and Dean of the Engineering School at Tulane University expressed great pleasure in being able to be present and then taking as a text the idea expressed in President Wilson's address last Wednesday, he gave an admirable address on the importance of the sciences as a field of mental training and as the substructure upon which must rest the prosperity of the growing South.

Dr. Ayers followed his manuscript closely but withal in such a clear voice and impressive line of thought that all felt much profited by hearing him.

His plea for engineering which he defined in a unique and broad way was strong.

After Dr. Ayers had finished President Wilson announced that the Manager of the foot-ball team wanted to say something. Mr. Farrar briefly outlined the conditions which prevail, told of the games which had been scheduled and appealed to the students for the support which could make a good team. He declared that the team would not take any trip unless it was strong and that unless the men came out the best foreign games would have to be canceled.

Literary Societies.

Last night was the regular night for the election of officers in the Graham-Lee. After the society had been called to order, the house was thrown open for nominations. Mr. Parrish, of W. Va., nominated Mr. J. S. McCluer for President and his election was unanimous. Mr. Watson, of Va., was made Vice-President, and Mr. Lakin, of Md., Treasurer. Just before the adjournment Mr. Lind reminded the society that the election of its representatives on the board of editors of the *Collegian* also fell on that night and asked that they be elected then so that they might get to work as soon as possible. Mr. Pancake and Mr. J. S. McCluer were elected as Graham-

Lee's representatives on the *Collegian* and certainly no better choice could have been made.

The "Wash" is building up very well this year. Last Saturday night's meeting was a full one and the members seem to be taking a great interest in the society. Let all "Wash" men be on hand at the meeting tonight as it is the night for the election of officers.

A Serenade.

Just after prayer-meeting Wednesday night some of the young people of the town gathered together to form a serenading party. Once together they repaired to the college campus where for some hours the air was full of the happy songs of the happier voices. During the summer when the students are away the campus furnishes the place of gathering for the serenaders.

The beautiful campus on a moonlight night is an ideal place for such gatherings and no more appreciative audience could be found than those whose homes are on the grounds.

The night grew old while the time was hastening by and the young people were loth to believe that the time had really passed so rapidly. Some of the voices were excellent and it is a pity the students could not enjoy the music which they make but the students are not wanted in numbers on that occasion.

Second Team.

The manager of the foot-ball teams has promised the second team one or two games and possibly a short trip if they play hard and regularly against the first team. Such reward is due them and such reward they should have. Hard persistent work against the heavy men is no mean task and this year they must have the proper recognition.

Capt. Sloan is keeping his team well together and is giving the first year good practice. The men on his team seem anxious for some games in their own right.

The Students' own life is the text, and the books are the comment.

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Again the boys have started the pernicious habit of scribbling on the notices on the students' bulletin board. If students post notices on the board it is because they wish to call attention to some fact and others should better observe the rights of those who are not themselves. Of course much of it is done thoughtlessly and much of it through mere fun, but the fact remains that the notice is defaced. It is hoped that calling attention to it in this general way will suffice to break up a useless and harmful habit.

To many a student who had known him, Prof. S. T. Moreland's departure was a cause of deep regret. In going to McDonogh School he continues his work along the same line. "Old Sid" has the best wishes of the large number of student friends he left behind him. In our regret at Mr. Moreland's departure we find great reason for rejoicing in the coming of Professor W. Le Conte Stevens. The RING-TUM PHI will next week give a sketch of Mr. Stevens.

The Chair of Economics and Political Sciences is no longer merely a talked of plan. It is a very reality. This year we start with this new department and many are taking the classes which Professor H. Parker Willis presides over. Much of his work is accomplished by the individual research of the student under the personal direction of Mr. Willis.

Now that the election of final ball president is through with for this session there can be no impropriety in discussing the question of

changing the mode of election. For years it has been the custom for the candidates' friends to solicit the votes of the entire student body. Of course those men who have been at college for one or more sessions and have had an opportunity of seeing and knowing the candidates personally need very little canvassing for they have in general pretty fully made up their minds as to who they are going to vote for. But the man who comes to college for the first time and has had no opportunity of knowing or judging of the respective candidates is not in a position to cast an intelligent ballot. The college politicians undertake to enlighten him as to the merits of the candidates for whom they desire his vote and to decry the merits of his opponent. The result is that the freshman is for two or three or four weeks worried almost to death. In sheer desperation he promises to vote for one of the men. His studies interrupted, his judgement biased, he goes an unwilling voter or else his kind friends bring a carriage for him. Such generous courtesy as the canvassers show is in no wise to be condemned if it could continue.

It has happened in some cases that the best man was not selected simply because his opponent got a start or had more influential canvassing friends.

All that has been said is to lead to the following proposition: Limit the voters to those who have attended college for one session. Under this method of electing, the president could be decided on early in the session. Tiresome canvassing would be done away with, interruptions to athletics would be a thing of the past and the freshman could have his time to himself.

Some one may say that the freshman's rights would be abridged. It is not believed that he would consider this action a deprivation.

Let's have an expression of opinion on this point. The columns of the RING-TUM PHI are open to its discussion.

Dr. Quarles Entertains.

Those who are fortunate enough to belong to some of Dr. Quarles' classes were more delightfully entertained at his home last Saturday evening.

Quite a number of Lexington's fair ones graced the evening with their presence and typical Southern hospitality prevailed. A special feature of the evening was the distribution of pictures of well

known people to which the guests were to give the proper names.

Two of the young ladies tied for first honors but the young gentlemen attributed such superiority to the fact that several pictures of Hobson and other heroes were prominent.

At the proper hour most enjoyable refreshments were served.

Among the young ladies present besides the hostess, Miss Quarles, were Misses Mary Turner Graves, Laura Tucker, Mary Barclay, Mildred Myers, Anderson, Graham. The gentlemen present were Messrs. McClure, Miller, McPheeters, C. T. Smith, Lawson, Capito, Goshorn, Moise, Johnson, W. P. Ott, Hickman, Neil, Garrow and J. W. S. Tucker.

Election.

A mass meeting of the students of the University was held in the Graham-Lee Society Hall on yesterday for the purpose of choosing a Final Ball President.

At the request of representatives of both candidates, Prof. H. St. George Tucker presided as chairman, and it is needless to say that the election was conducted in the fairest and most satisfactory manner.

Mr. J. S. McCluer, of W. Va., in a very eloquent speech setting forth the honor of the position, and the importance of having one to preside over the the closing feature of the college year, who is skilled in the art of dancing, placed in nomination Mr. Christopher Tompkins Smith, of the Mountain State.

This nomination was seconded by an appropriate speech from Mr. C. B. Pancake, of the same state. After this Mr. F. W. King, of Va., in a few remarks telling of the importances of the position of the chief officers of the closing ball of the session, and the desire of the students to make the one of '99 a greater success than the preceding ones, and the suitability of his candidate to attain this end, placed before the house the name of Mr. Lister Witherspoon, Jr., of Kentucky. This nomination was seconded by Mr. L. C. Lind, of Tenn. There being no other nomination the polls were opened and were not closed for one hour. At six o'clock the result was shown to be seventy-four to fifty-three in favor of Mr. Smith.

We wish him much success with his undertaking, and hope and believe that the final ball of '99 will hold up the standard set in former years.

Personal Mention.

Dr. W. S. Currell spent last Sunday in Alexandria. The occasion of his going was to attend the gathering of the Christian Endeavors.

Mr. Knight, of Princeton, has left to attend his college the present session. His services as a trainer must always be appreciated. We regret to see him go.

Mr. J. R. Tucker, Jr., has been sick much of the summer and following the advice of physicians he will spend the winter in New Orleans. We will miss "Ran" very much but hope the change will prove as beneficial as he desires. He will be at the Tulane University of Louisiana during the winter.

Col. Wm. Preston Johnson, president of the Tulane University, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry Tucker. Col. Johnson was at one time connected with Washington and Lee as professor and later as lecturer.

R. T. Shields leaves next week to go to Richmond. "Ran" intends to study medicine at the University College of Medicine and we doubt not that he will there as here stand in the front in all his work. Much success to him.

C. T. Smith, was the successful candidate for final ball president in yesterday's election. May his success in this event be but a good omen of his success with the ball in June.

Her friends in Lexington were sorry to see Miss Bruce Houston leave last Tuesday. She goes to spend the winter at the Female Normal School at Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Price, of China, have been spending the week in Lexington with friends. Mr. Price preached morning and evening at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Dr. R. J. McBryde addressed the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday. Dr. McBryde is heart and soul with the young men in their Christian work.

Y. M. C. A.

At the weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held in its hall September 18th, after the preliminary exercises conducted by J. A. McClure, Dr. McBryde gave an earnest and impressive talk on the importance of Bible study in our colleges. He especially emphasized the fact that the place to form the habit of earnest, intelligent Bible

study was at college, and called attention to the sad fact that unless students formed the habit of Bible study while at college, it was more than likely they would never acquire the habit later in life; also to the fact that many men on leaving college and looking back over their college career express a deep regret that they did not devote more time to the study of the Bible, not so much from a historical standpoint as from a devotional one. It was shown that in order to become influential Christians it was necessary to be thoroughly conversant with the Bible, and our influence in the Christian service bears a very marked ratio to our working knowledge of the Bible.

Attention was called to the fact that apart from the Bible History Course as offered in our college, and which must necessarily devote itself to the historical study of the Bible, there had been felt the need of Bible study to supplement this work, not so much to study the Bible historically as to study it devotionally.

A number of students present testified as to the importance and benefit they had derived from attending the classes last year.

As a result of the talk, a number of the students expressed themselves as desirous of joining one of the various classes offered by the Association and arranged to suit the needs and inclinations of each student. The work is not yet in operation but will be shortly and we hope there may be many more who will avail themselves of this great opportunity.

Program of Graham-Lee Society, for Saturday, September 24.

To declaim :

Lakin, Parrish.

To debate :

McNeil (open af.) McCluer, J. C. Shively, Preston, (open neg.)

To orate :

None appointed.

Question for debate :

Resolved, That a vote of a Legislator should be governed by the wishes of his constituents.

R. W. Withers, F. W. King, Pres. Sec.

Program of "Wash" Society.

An election will be held to-night and hence no regular program will be gone through with.

Business Notices.

Last week the business manager sent out a good many copies of the paper to those whose names do not appear on our subscription lists. This issue will go to them also. If any of them desire to have the paper continued they should send in their subscriptions *at once*. It will be the endeavor of the paper to bring all of the happenings of the week to its readers but it cannot continue to come except to regular subscribers.

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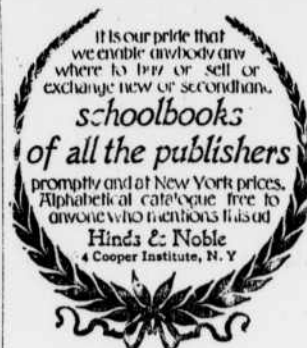
W. P. Brown, A. B., '92, has been assistant in English at Tulane University for some years. He has quite recently married.

Bryan Conrad, '96, has been appointed a second lieutenant in the regular army. Before coming to W. & L. he had served several years as a private.

H. M. Blain, M. A., '95, who for the past two years has been Assistant in Romance Languages at the University of Virginia, has gone to Searcy, Arkansas, as a professor in the Speers-Langford Military Academy.

A. W. Webb, A. B. and B. L., '98, is teaching near his home in Maryland.

E. A. O'Neil is farming this year. We are sorry "Irish" did not return this year to complete his course in law.



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Bible Study.

In connection with the meeting last Sunday afternoon it may be well to make a statement of the opportunities for Bible study offered by the Young Men's Christian Association to the students of the University.

It is hoped that every student in college will engage in some kind of systematic study of the Bible. Not only is a knowledge of the English Bible essential to a well-rounded education, but a regular study of the Bible is necessary to every Christian man in order to promote his own spiritual life, to keep him from drifting into sin, and to fit him for active Christian work after he leaves college.

To this end the Bible Study Committee has arranged the following courses open to all students: 1. Studies in the Life of Christ conducted by Rev. Dr. McBryde; 2. A class for beginners; 3. A Workers' training class; 4. A class for the study of missions. If the demand is sufficient other classes will be organized. The time of meeting of these classes will be arranged to suit the members. Those who desire to join one of the classes will please give their names to Mr. McIlhany, Chairman of the Bible Study Committee.

Law Debating Society.

The Bradford Law Debating Society held its first meeting of this session on last Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The house was called to order by Prof. Graves, and the following officers were chosen: President, Mr. Wm. R. Vance; 1st Vice-President, Mr. James Mullen; 2nd Vice-President, F. W. King; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Bryan. After the election of officers the President asked Messrs. Winfree, Harrison, King, Theobald and Hamilton to act as judges.

The case debated was that of Harris vs. Carson, involving the question of the existence of local customs in derogation of the Common Law in Virginia. The question was ably handled on both sides, Messrs. Martin and Loftin representing the plaintiff, and Messrs. Bushong and Watson the defendant.

This society is of great benefit to all Law students, and promises to be very interesting during this year.

"The Blue."

The University Boarding House has changed its name or at least its color. No longer does it have that dingy faded blue that has for years marked it but now by the generosity of the Board of Trustees it has become red. We are not prepared to say that the Harry Lees predominated among those who selected the new coat but it looks very much like it. With a coat of red and trimmings of green its appearance is not in attractive. In many ways it has been made more presentable and comfortable but the best change has been that of enlarging the windows.

The Final Ball President.

"To be or not to be" is the question which has been paramount in the minds of the two candidates. The gentlemen Messrs. Smith and Witherspoon, had through their friends seen almost every student and now that the question has been decided the poor freshman will be free from the continued courtesies of those who seek votes. It is wonderful what a degree of courtesy is developed or awakened in final ball candidates during the canvass. With both these candidates courtesy is natural but often it happens to be a mere outer garment which is thrown off after the election.

Tucker Memorial Hall.

Those who have contributed towards the erection of a Hall which should be a memorial to John Randolph Tucker will be gratified at learning that the erection of the Hall is to begin at a very early date.

As announced in the papers some weeks ago the plans of Mr. Wm. G. McDowell were adopted and all haste is being made towards getting necessary preliminary arrangements made before pushing the work.

The old boys and the present students will be delighted to have a home for the law school.

May the work soon begin.

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